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CLAYTON TO HAVE CHATAQUA COURSE

A committee composed of H. Richmond Mills, Prof. Chamberlain, Mrs. Joe Gill, Mrs. M. R. Jones, Mr. Lord and Mr. Lord and Attorney Woodward met with a representative of the Redpath Horner Co., about a month ago and signed a contract for a five day Chataqua, to be held in Clayton during the coming summer.

The personnel of the committee represented the churches, schools, and clubs of the town, while Mr. Woodward drew up the contract.

This company has contracts in Trinidad, Amarillo, Dalhart, Springfield and Clayton made up the required five towns to complete the circuit.

Clayton is very fortunate in securing this contract and doubly so as they were secured without signing the customary iron-clad contract calling for a large guarantee. This was avoided through the efforts of the committee, who impressed the representative with the fact that unless they stopped here they would lose time and money between jumps from Trinidad to other towns, and also that they were figuring on securing another company and that a contract such as was dictated by the committee was not signed, the Redpath company would lose Clayton in their circuit. By agreement secured by wire from headquarters the contract was made and Clayton is to have one of the most entertaining courses ever given in this country without being tied to a big guarantee.

The course consists of 10 numbers and includes "Melting Pot," Military Girls, Chicago Glee Club, "Kilmer Girls," besides a large orchestra, a band concert and several of the best lecturers on the public platform.

The prices of admission were also arranged for so that there could be no "hold-up." Season tickets are to be \$2.50 while single admission will run from 50c to \$1.00, according to entertainment.

These entertainments are always worth double the price of admission, and are of educational advantage to all who attend and the committee who have succeeded in landing this contract for Clayton surely deserve the thanks of the community. Now let everybody boost for the Chataqua.

PUBLIC NOTICE

T. J. Crumley is collecting my accounts. All persons owing me are requested to call and settle at once. We are in the office of Chas. A. Law. TOM GRAY.

UNION COUNTY FARMERS' INSTITUTE

The Union County Farmers' Institute was held the first and second week of December. One day meetings were held at Amistad, Sedan, Clayton, Pasamonte, Grenville, Des Moines and Smith. The meetings were well attended in most cases. The bad weather the last of the first week kept many of the farmers at home. At Smith the largest attendance was reached, over 70 people being present. Over three hundred people were reached by these meetings and much interest was manifested.

W. L. Elser, Farm Management Demonstrator and Assistant County Agent Leader, Prof. R. W. Latta, State Agent in Dairying, Miss Gall Ritchie, State Demonstrator in Home Economics and Mr. V. L. Martineau, County Agriculturist of Colfax County assisted the County Agriculturist at all the meetings and gave very interesting talks. Mr. R. S. Trumbull, Agricultural Agent for the El Paso S. W. Ry. Co., and Dr. E. P. Johnson, Veterinary Inspector, from Raton assisted at the Smith meeting and gave some valuable information along their lines.

At Smith the people showed the true community spirit. Everybody was there and stayed all day. The ladies served a picnic dinner and everyone left the table with a sense of fullness. Songs were sung at the opening of the program and everybody had a good and profitable time, visiting with neighbors and discussing farm and home problems.

National Farm Loan Associations Much interest is being shown in regard to the Federal Farm Loan Act. The farmers in Union county are organizing to take advantage of this cheap money. National Farm Loan Associations have been organized at Smith, Grandview, Burnett, Lone Star, New Home, Hayden, Sedan, Stead and Amistad. Several more communities are planning to organize in the near future.

Literature on the Federal Farm Loan Act can be had by writing to the Federal Farm Loan Bureau, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C. The County Agriculturist will also help organize an association if any community desires his assistance.

ORREN BEATY, Co. Agriculturist.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Herzstein returned last Friday from Chicago where they were visiting Mrs. Robert Edickson their daughter.

PLAIN FACTS ABOUT THE GOVERNORSHIP

The Santa Fe New Mexican, the official organ of the McDonald Wing of the Democratic party, was the first newspaper in the state to intimate that Governor elect E. C. de Baca might not qualify as governor on the first of January, the time appointed by the constitution, and that Governor McDonald would continue to execute the duties of the office until such time as Mr. de Baca was able to return to New Mexico, and, in the event of his death before his return, that Mr. McDonald would continue to act as governor for the full two years.

Now, because the republican press has insisted that, in justice to the expressed wish of a majority of the voters of the state, Mr. de Baca should take the oath at the time appointed by law, the New Mexican says that the republicans are attempting to force Mr. de Baca to return to the state, though his return should cause his early demise. No such suggestion has ever been made, so far as we are advised, by a republican leader or newspaper. Our insistence, and that of other republican papers, has been that Mr. de Baca, in justice to the people, and to carry out his repeated promises, made from the platform and thru the newspapers, should take the oath of office at the time prescribed by law. This oath can as well be administered to him in California as it can here, and when it is filed in the office of the Secretary of State, Mr. McDonald will walk out as governor, and Mr. de Baca will be the legal governor of the State.

If he is out of the state, or is incapacitated, the duties of his office will be performed by the Lieutenant Governor, Mr. Washington E. Lindsey. The people have said, in unmistakable language, that if Mr. de Baca isn't able to perform the duties of his office, they want these duties discharged by Mr. Lindsey.

But the McDonald Democrats don't want Mr. de Baca to take the oath of office, either here or in California. They never did want him to become governor of the state. The night before he was nominated, they labored with him incessantly in an attempt to persuade him not to become a candidate, and to permit Mr. McDonald to be nominated. This is denied by the Santa Fe New Mexican, but it is true nevertheless, and can be verified by asking any prominent Democratic leader who was on the inside.

It is true that Mr. McDonald stated publicly that he did not want the office, but this is the way that gentleman plays politics. At the first state convention when he was nominated, he said he didn't want the office, and never did indicate that he would accept the nomination until after he had been put over by the convention. He was attempting to play the same game this time, but it didn't work. When he found out that Mr. de Baca would be nominated, and that he was scheduled for the "toboggan slide," he got busy with his close friends, and they attempted to head off de Baca in order that "Mac" could be put across. But de Baca wouldn't quit. He took McDonald at his word and went out and got promises enough to insure his own nomination.

McDonald wants to succeed Albert B. Fall in the United States Senate. He has had this "Bee" in his bonnet for a long time. He thought it would be easier for him to be nominated and elected from the governor's office, with his hand on the "political throttle" than it would as a private citizen. When he saw that he could not get back in as governor, because he couldn't be nominated, he pulled off what he thought was a cute political trick. He knew, as did everyone else, that Mr. de Baca was afflicted with pernicious anemia. In fact, when Mr. de Baca made his speech of acceptance he was so weak that he was compelled to use a cane to assist him to stand. Mac knew, as did everyone else, that in all probability Mr. de Baca would not live very long, and that the man who was nominated as Lieutenant Governor would soon become the governor of the State. Hence, the convention was startled and taken completely off its feet by the announcement that Mr. McDonald was a

candidate for the office of Lieutenant Governor.

He realized that if he could be elected Lieutenant Governor, that he would soon become governor of the state, and thus be able to carry out his plan to run for United States Senator from the Governor's office.

McDonald did not realize his own weakness; few politicians ever do. He thought his great task was to "put de Baca across," so that he would be sure to become Governor. Hence, he directed all his energies, as did the state committee, to elect de Baca. Not a line was written, nor a dollar spent to further the candidacy of another man on the Democratic State ticket, save de Baca and Jones, and very little was said about Mr. Jones. McDonald, in company with Ex. Gov. Otero, visited every county in the state, and covered Mr. Bursum with slime. So vile were they that no other candidate on their ticket would travel in their company, save Mr. de Baca who made one trip with them to the Pecos Valley. They succeeded in defeating Mr. Bursum, but both of them went down with him in defeat. Governor McDonald was overwhelmingly repudiated by the people of his own county, and ran almost 3000 votes behind president Wilson in the state.

Now the action of the people interfered materially with McDonald's plans. If their will was carried out, he realized that he would retire to private life, and saw the chances of his going to the United States Senate slipping away. What was he to do, in order to retain his grip on the machine, and keep in the limelight?

Subsequent events demonstrate that he has not been asleep at the switch. Immediately after the election, he appointed one Elmer E. Veeder of Las Vegas legal advisor of the Governor. What did he need a legal advisor for? He had refused to appoint one after Mr. Wade resigned, because he said he didn't need one and would save the state the salary. After he was defeated he only had two months to serve, and had nothing to do save issue a few requisitions and sign commissions for notaries public. When the facts are known, his act is readily understood.

Mr. Veeder is perhaps closer to Gov. elect de Baca than any other man in the state. He has, for years, been de Baca's legal and political advisor.

An article in the Sunday's issue of the Albuquerque Journal let the cat out of the bag, and throws an illuminating light upon the Governor's action. This paper stated that Mr. Elmer E. Veeder, legal advisor to Gov. McDonald, left for California to explain to Gov. elect de Baca that he was in no danger of losing his office by failure to qualify on the first of January, and that he could, with safety, remain in California until his health was such that he could return to New Mexico a well man.

Any doctor will tell the reader of this article that pernicious anemia is an incurable disease, and that a patient afflicted with it will almost certainly die within eighteen months from the time the disease is contracted. This being true, the motive in sending the legal advisor to Governor McDonald to California is at once apparent. Mr. McDonald don't want Mr. de Baca to take the oath of office, because once he takes the oath Mr. McDonald becomes a private citizen, with no duties of a public nature to perform. He can't do much toward furthering his chances of becoming United States Senator by herding and branding cattle in Lincoln county. A man doesn't get much notoriety "punching cattle," if he attends strictly to his own business. Hence he is trying, by every means possible, to persuade Mr. de Baca's close friend, was dispatched post haste to Los Angeles to assure Mr. de Baca that Governor McDonald would quietly and peacefully surrender the office to him at any time he presented himself in Santa Fe; that, regardless of his right to qualify after the first of January, no question would be raised by him on this point.

Of course if some other person should raise the point, and the courts should decide that Mr. de Baca had abandoned his office by not qualifying on the day fixed by law, that wouldn't

J. F. BRANSON NAILS AN ELECTION LIE

The following is a copy of an article that appeared on first column on first page in Clayton News under date of Nov. 6th, marked EXTRA:

"Execution Issued Against Republican Candidate

J. F. Branson, Republican Candidate for Senator, to be haled into Court on very eve of Election for debt.

In the possession of Lon Cash, undersheriff of Union county, is an execution issued by Judge Kingdom against J. F. Branson, Des Moines man, and the Republican candidate for Senator whom the voters of Union are requested to vote for Tuesday, the execution is for the insignificant sum of five dollars and is in favor of Fifer Caudle, to whom the small sum has been due for a long time, for labor performed in repairing a gasoline engine. The execution was issued the latter part of the week and will be served this week."

"Clayton, N. M., Nov. 25, 1916.

"This is to certify that no execution or judgment has ever been issued out of my court against one J. F. Branson.

"L. W. KINGDOM, Justice of Peace of Precinct No. 1, Union County, New Mex."

"Clayton, N. M., Nov. 25, 1916

"This is to certify that I have never had in my possession any execution issued out of any court against one J. F. Branson,

"LON CASH, Constable, Precinct No. 1, Union Co., N. M.

When the votes were counted after the election and it was found that Mr. Smith had 34 more votes than I had I tried to forget the above lie and other things just as rank, and devote my time to my business affairs, but on November 20th, I was summoned to appear at Clayton on November 25, to answer a charge made just before election; evidently made for the same purpose that the above lie was made, which was defeat me.

After they had accomplished their unmanly schemes they should have called everything off but they did not and would not let me drop it. My first step was on Nov. 25. I asked Judge Kingdom and Lon Cash to sign the above statements which neither refused to sign, and I handed the above, copied from the News, and their statements to the press for publication. The suit referred to has been tried this week and I ask the press to publish the proceeding and evidence in detail to enable the people to know of some of the rottenness that has been practiced in this election.

J. F. BRANSON.

WRESTLING MATCH TO BE HELD MONDAY

The sporting event of the season is to be staged Monday night, at the Mission Theatre immediately after the first show. The bout will be between Jack Collins, the cyclone of Nebraska and George Fallis, Champion of Oklahoma. These are the same boys who made such a splendid showing on December 4th, when Fallis defeated Collins after 46 minutes of the hardest wrestling ever witnessed in this part of the country. Collins at that time claimed that he was not in the best of condition and challenged Fallis for a return match which has been accepted and arrangements made for the bout. Both men are on the ground and are in the pink of condition. The writer has interviewed the men, and Collins informed us that he feels confident that he will tie a bow-knot in the vertebrae of Fallis and get off with the winner's end. Mr. Fallis on the other hand seriously doubts Collins' ability to perform this feat, and expects to walk away the victor, hence the rivalry will put both boys on edge. If you are a lover of good sport by all means be at the Mission next Monday night. (New Years) and witness this contest between the two best men of their weight in the southwest.

Mr. Beehimer spent Thursday and Friday in Clayton.

LIFE OF OUR SAVIOUR



A SCENE FROM "THE LIFE OF OUR SAVIOUR" (PATHE)

Some two thousand years ago there was born at Nazareth, He whose teachings have enlightened the world. The events of Jesus' life, from the manger to the ascension, make the most stirring story of all time to all the races of mankind. The Pathe Co., to fill a long-felt want, organized The Life of our Saviour, an accurate, superbly acted, dramatic visualization of Jesus' journey on earth. The compilation of this chronology of Jesus is truly an achievement worthy of the highest praise as it truthfully and

geographically portrays with grace and dignity His sufferings and final achievement. This work represents a lifetime of careful study and an immense financial outlay, and because of its tremendous subject is the world's greatest drama. The picture is colored and exquisitely arranged so as to bring to the vision a graphic realization of the infinite simplicity, yet monumental strength of Jesus. Manager Slat's Rankin, has made arrangements to show this picture at 2:30 and 7:30 to show this picture at 2:30 and 7:30

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